

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-10 (Canceled).

Claim 11 (New): A device for assembling a shield containing at least one hole onto a tank, comprising:

- a) a base configured to be attached to a wall of the tank;
- b) a head used for fixing the shield, the head including a groove whose upper and lower lateral surfaces intersect an axis of the device substantially normal to the wall of the tank, an edge of the hole in the shield being slipped into the groove; and
- c) a non-return stub that emerges from an outer surface of the device and prevents detachment of the shield from the tank.

Claim 12 (New): The device according to claim 11, wherein the head further includes an orifice.

Claim 13 (New): The device according to claim 11, the device being made from at least one thermoplastic material.

Claim 14 (New): The device according to claim 11, the device comprising at least first and second parts.

Claim 15 (New): The device according to claim 14, wherein the first part is made of high density polyethylene (HDPE) and the second part is made of polyamide (PA).

Claim 16 (New): A shield intended for a device according to claim 11, wherein the shield has at least one hole whose contour exhibits a narrowing delimiting in the hole two parts having different areas.

Claim 17 (New): The shield according to claim 16, wherein the hole is provided with a non-return stop.

Claim 18 (New): A method of assembling a shield making use of at least one device according to claim 11, according to which:

- a) the base of each device is attached to the wall of the tank;
- b) the shield is positioned with respect to the tank so as to make each device on the tank correspond with a hole in the shield;
- c) the shield is fixed to the tank by a two-stage movement: firstly by displaying the shield in a direction normal to the wall of the tank and making the head of each device pass through a biggest of the two parts of the hole which corresponds to the head, such that the groove of each device cooperates with an edge defined by the biggest part of the hole and then by sliding the shield in a direction parallel with the wall of the tank such that the head of each device becomes lodged in the part of the hole whose section is the smallest; and
- d) the non-return stub comes to bear in a non-permanent manner against the edge of the hole in its part with the biggest section such that the groove of each device does not become detached from the edge defined by the smallest part of the hole.

Claim 19 (New): The method of assembling recording claim 18, according to which the base of each device is attached to the wall of the tank by welding.

Claim 20 (New): A fuel tank for motor vehicles comprising at least one device according to claim 11.